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Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

J. McCRATH, Auctioneer.

LAND AND COMMISSION AGENT, HONGKONG.

Halphong, February 12, 1881. mr19

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Undersigned have this day commenced Business at Hongkong as COAL MERCHANTS and COMMISSION AGENTS.

AI YON & Co., 799, Praya Central.

Dated the 2nd day of January, 1881.

Notices of Firms.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM this date, and during the absence of Mr. JAS. B. COCHRAN from the Colony, Mr. ARTHUR GEORGE STOKES has been appointed Acting Secretary to the Company.

P. RYRIE, Chairman.

Hongkong, March 11, 1881. ap11

NOTICE.

MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBS has this day been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm at Hongkong and in China, and Mr. ALEXANDER WASSERMAN has been authorized to SIGN the Firm per Procuration.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1881. ap3

NOTICE.

MR. WILLIAM WALKINSHAW has RETIRED from our Firm, and his INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY have CEASED. The Business will be carried on as heretofore by the remaining Partners, viz:—Messrs PHINEAS RYRIE, EDWARD GARRY SMITH, and ARTHUR WELLESLEY WALKINSHAW.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1881.

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TO LET.

THE DWELLING HOUSE—No. 31, WELLINGTON STREET. ROOMS IN CLUB CHAMBERS, suitable for Offices or Chambers.

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Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & Co.

Hongkong, March 8, 1881.

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Hongkong, March 3, 1881.

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Apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, March 2, 1881. ap2

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Hongkong, March 2, 1881. ap2

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Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

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Hongkong, January 21, 1881.

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Hongkong, March 1, 1881. mr15

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Intimations.

THE CHINA REVIEW.

THE widely-expressed regret at the discontinuance of *Notes & Queries on China and Japan*, has induced the publishers of this journal to issue a publication similar in object and style, but slightly modified in certain details. *Notes and Queries on the Far East*, is issued at intervals of two months, each number containing about 60 octavo pages, occasionally illustrated with lithographs, photographs, woodcuts, &c., should the papers published demand, and the circulation fairly, such extra matter.

The subscription is fixed at \$6.50 postage paid, per annum, payable by non-residents in Hongkong half-yearly in advance.

The publication includes papers original and selected upon the Arts and Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Manners and Customs, Natural History, Religion, &c., &c., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, the Eastern Archipelago and the Far East generally.

A more detailed list of subjects upon which contributions are especially invited is incorporated with each number. Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, French, German, Spanish, Italian or Portuguese, are admissible. Endeavours are made to present a resume of the most recent works bearing on Chinese matters. Great attention is also paid to the Review department.

Notes and Replies are classified together as "Notes" (hand references being given, when furnished, to previous Notes or Queries), as also those queries which, although asking for information, furnish new or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the Queries proper as brief and as much to the point as possible.

The *China Review* for July and August, 1876, is at hand. It says that forty-two essays were sent in to compete for the best paper on the advantages of Christianity for the development of a State. All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and entertaining Review. It is a sixty-page, bi-monthly, repository of what scholars are ascertaining about China. The lecture on Chinese Poetry in this volume is alone worth the price of the Review. "Address China Review," Hongkong.—Northern Christian Advocate (U.S.).

Yin-Yang's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the *China Review*:—"This is the title of a publication, the first number of which has lately reached us from Hongkong, where it has been not only in some respects a continuation of *Notes and Queries on China and Japan*, the extinction of which useful serial a year or two ago has been much regretted in Europe as well as in China. The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*." The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social development, has led to the recognition of important sources of information, rendering some such channel of publication as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign community in Hongkong. Besides notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be expected that this offering for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the *China Review* may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance. The publication is intended to appear every two months, and will form a substantial octavo volume.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

This paper is now issued every day. The subscription is fixed at *Four Dollars* per annum delivered in Hongkong, or *Seven Dollars Fifty Cents* including postage to Coast ports.

It is the first Chinese Newspaper ever issued under purely native direction. The chief support of the paper is of course derived from the native community, amongst whom also are to be found the guarantors and securities necessary to place it on a business and solid footing.

The projectors, basing their estimates upon the most reliable information from the various Ports in China and Japan, from Australia, California, Singapore, Penang, Saigon, and other places frequented by the Chinese, consider themselves justified in guaranteeing an ultimate circulation of between 8,000 and 4,000 copies. The advantages offered to advertisers are therefore unusually great, and the foreign community generally will find it to their interest to avail themselves of them.

The field open to a paper of this description—conducted by native efforts, but progressive and anti-obstructive in tone—is almost limitless. It is on the one hand commands Chinese belief and interest while on the other deserves every aid that can be given to it by foreigners. Like English journals it contains Editorials with Local, Shipping, and Commercial News and Advertisements.

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We have instituted as an experiment a Visitors' Column, which we trust will prove successful, and be found useful. To it will be relegated from time to time such items of information, lists, tables and other intelligence as is considered likely to prove valuable to persons passing through the City, and in connection with we have opened a SELECT HOTEL AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY, applications for enrolment into which we are now ready to receive.

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Lantern Club and Library, Shelley St. Government Offices, the Secretariat, &c., near the Public Gardens.

St. John's Cathedral (Anglican), above the Parade Ground.

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1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 tons, per Day, ... \$8.00

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3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kan Boat of 800 tons, per Day, ... 1.00

3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kan Boat of 900 tons, per Day, ... 50

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(Revised December 1st, 1880.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, triple, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets or papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though Written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, drafts, copied notes, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Office is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

N.R. means No Registration.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, most foreign possessions in Asia, Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, all N. America, Mexico, Salvador, Brazil, Peru, Venezuela, the Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana, Honduras, Bermuda, Labuan, with all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are the Australasian Group, Chili, and S. Africa.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route: Letters, 10 cents per oz. Post Cards, 8 cents each. Registration, 10 cents. Newspapers, 2 cents each. Books, Patterns and Comm. Papers, 2 cents per oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Hawaiian Kingdom: Letters, 10c. Registration, None. Newspapers, 2c. Books & Patterns, 6c.

West Indies (Non Union), Bolivia, Chili, Costa Rica, Guatemala, New Granada, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, &c.: Letters, 30c. Registration, None. Newspapers, 5c. Books & Patterns, 5c.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10c. Registration, 10c. Newspapers, 2c. Books & Patterns, 2c. Via Galle, Letters, 25c. Registration, 10c. Newspapers, 2c. Books & Patterns, 2c.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension, via Aden, Letters, 25c. Registration, 10c. Newspapers, 2c. Books & Patterns, 5c.

* A small extra charge is made on delivery. † There is no registration to British W. India Islands, 10 cents. ‡ Registration via San Francisco, 10 cents. § Cannot be sent via San Francisco.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao, in either direction, per letter, 10 cents.

Between any of the two (through any of the two) and any of the British Colonies, Japan, China, India, and the Philippines (U.S.).

(d) Parcels at Book Rates, registry optional. (e) Via Singapore, 10 cents. (f) No Parcel Post.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 a.m. on any work day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mails.

2. Invitations, &c., can generally be delivered at the private houses of the addressees rather than at places of business, if a wish to that effect be expressed by the sender, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c. of all the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China and Japan, may deliver them to the Post Office unattended, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

PARCELS.—The public is reminded that, there is no such thing as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment are caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable articles through the Post. False Curious Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the senders having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

Small Parcels may be sent by Post between any of the Post Offices in China or Japan, as well as to Macao, Fakhai, Singapore, Penang, and Malacca. They must not exceed the following dimensions, 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, nor weigh more than 5 lbs. The postage is 20 cents per lb., which includes Registration except to Japan, to which country parcels are forwarded at Book Rates. Registry being optional. The parcels may be wholly closed if they bear this special endorsement, PARCELS, containing no return correspondence. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, but the system of Registration will secure the senders against any but a very remote probability of loss.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, in general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—Books and Papers to British Office, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs. Patterns to British Office, 5 lbs. if without intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Letter.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handily bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

Money Order Regulations.

1—Money Orders are exchanged with the United Kingdom, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Port Darwin, the Straits Settlements, Western Australia, and (except at Shanghai) with the Japanese Empire. Hongkong also issues orders on Shanghai, and vice versa.

2—Small sums may be remitted between the other Ports by means of Postage Stamps, subject to a charge of one per cent. for cashing them.

3—Many Money Orders are supplied to residents at the smaller Ports in this way. An application for an order is filed up, and is enclosed with a stamped, directed, and unsealed envelope to the Postmaster at the nearest issuing office. The application must be accompanied with the full amount (including commission) in cheque, postage stamps, or other equivalent of cash, and a little margin should be left for the use of the Postmaster. The Postmaster issues the order, sends it on in the envelope, and returns the change, if any, by first opportunity, with a receipt for the letter, if it were to be registered, as it always should be. Care should be taken to send these applications in time, as the Money Order Office closes some hours before the departure of the mails.

4—No order must exceed \$10, or \$50, or include any fraction of a penny, nor will more than two such orders be issued to the same person, in favour of the same payee, by the same mail. Orders will be drawn at the current rate of the day and paid at the rate of the day when the advice arrives.

The commission is as follows:—Orders on the United Kingdom: Up to \$25, ... 18 cents. " 25 to 50, ... 24 " " 50 to 100, ... 30 " " 100 to 500, ... 36 " " 500 to 1,000, ... 42 " " 1,000 to 5,000, ... 48 " " 5,000 to 10,000, ... 54 " " 10,000 to 25,000, ... 60 " " 25,000 to 50,000, ... 66 " " 50,000 to 100,000, ... 72 " " 100,000 to 500,000, ... 78 " " 500,000 to 1,000,000, ... 84 " " 1,000,000 to 5,000,000, ... 90 " " 5,000,000 to 10,000,000, ... 96 " " 10,000,000 to 50,000,000, ... 102 " " 50,000,000 to 100,000,000, ... 108 " " 100,000,000 to 500,000,000, ... 114 " " 500,000,000 to 1,000,000,000, ... 120 " " 1,000,000,000 to 5,000,000,000, ... 126 " " 5,000,000,000 to 10,000,000,000, ... 132 " " 10,000,000,000 to 50,000,000,000, ... 138 " " 50,000,000,000 to 100,000,000,000, ... 144 " " 100,000,000,000 to 500,000,000,000, ... 150 " " 500,000,000,000 to 1,000,000,000,000, ... 156 " " 1,000,000,000,000 to 5,000,000,000,000, ... 162 " " 5,000,000,000,000 to 10,000,000,000,000, ... 168 " " 10,000,000,000,000 to 50,000,000,000,000, ... 174 " " 50,000,000,000,000 to 100,000,000,000,000, ... 180 " " 100,000,000,000,000 to 500,000,000,000,000, ... 186 " " 500,000,000,000,000 to 1,000,000,000,000,000, ... 192 " " 1,000,000,000,000,000 to 5,000,000,000,000,000, ... 198 " " 5,000,000,000,000,000 to 10,000,000,000,000,000, ... 204 " " 10,000,000,000,000,000 to 50,000,000,000,000,000, ... 210 " " 50,000,000,000,000,000 to 100,000,000,000,000,000, ... 216 " " 100,000,000,000,000,000 to 500,000,000,000,000,000, ... 222 " " 500,000,000,000,000,000 to 1,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 228 " " 1,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 5,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 234 " " 5,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 10,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 240 " " 10,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 50,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 246 " " 50,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 100,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 252 " " 100,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 500,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 258 " " 500,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 264 " " 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 5,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 270 " " 5,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 276 " " 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 50,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 282 " " 50,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 288 " " 100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 500,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 294 " " 500,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 300 " " 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 5,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 306 " " 5,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 312 " " 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 50,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 318 " " 50,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 324 " " 100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 500,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 330 " " 500,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 336 " " 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 5,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 342 " " 5,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 348 " " 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 50,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 354 " " 50,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 360 " " 100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 500,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 366 " " 500,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 372 " " 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 5,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 378 " " 5,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, ... 384 " " 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 50,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,